additional development of the existing fields.

(ii) Participation of private companies/ joint venture companies in exploration and development programme.

(iii) Implementation of Gas Flaring Reduction Projects in order to reduce the gas flaring, and thereby increase the availability of gas.

(iv) Increase the refining capacity in the country by expansion of existing refineries and setting up of new grassroot refineries, permitting new refineries in the joint sector and private sector.

Reluctance of Private Sector to Enter into Energy Sector

3891. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector is reluctant to enter into energy sector because of the lack of fair and transparent procedures for the entry of private producers in this sector, as revealed by the economic survey 1995-96;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to make enquiry to find out the reasons which prevent entry of the private sector into this area; and

(c) what steps Government intend to take to change the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The response to the private Power policy so far has been highly encouraging. To bring in the element of transparency and competitiveness, Government have made competitive bidding mandatory after 18.2.1995, in the matter of award of power projects to the promoters for development.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के लिए राडार की सुविधा

3892. **श्री एस० एस० सुरजेवाला:**
श्री अजीत जोगी:

क्या **विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार मौसम के पूर्वानुमानों में सुधार लाने हेतु मौसम विज्ञान विभाग को नवीनतम राडार और अन्य उपकरण प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है।

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उक्त राडार और उपकरण कब तक प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है; और

(घ) इन उपकरणों पर कितनी लागत आने का अनुमान है?

योजना तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगिन्दर के० अलघ): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) तथा (ग) भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने प्रेक्षण नेटवर्क का दर्जा बढ़ाने के लिए दस राडार खरीदे है। इन राडारों के सितम्बर, 1996 तक स्थापित कर दिये जाने की आशा है।

इसके अलावा, चक्रवात का पता लगाने के प्रयोजन से दो डॉप्लर मौसम राडार प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रक्रिया शुरू की गई है जिसमें तटीय स्टेशनों पर परम्परागत मौजूदा राडारों को बदलने के लिए तीसरे राडार का विकल्प है

(घ) चक्रवात का पता लगाने/वायु दिशा बताने वाले प्रत्येक राडार की लागत लगभग 2.8 करोड़ रुपये है।

Renovation of units of Durgapur Project Ltd.

3893. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the West Bengal

Government for renovation and for life extension project of power generating units No. 1—5 of Durgapur Projects Limited;

(b) whether DPR for the above has been approved by CEA and the Ministry of Power; and

(c) if so, the present status thereof and the steps taken by Government to clear the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A proposal for renovation, modernisation, life extension and upgradation of 5 units of Durgapur Projects Ltd. was received in the Cental Electricity Authority (CEA) in November, 95 through West Bengal State Electricity Board (WBSEB). The CEA have examined the proposal and conveyed its 'no objection' to the WBSEB for carrying out the works of the aforesaid R&M scheme, keeping in view the observations made by it.

Coverage of Karnataka Blocks Under Panchayat Training Programme

3894. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all Panchayat areas in Karnataka have not been covered under the training programme for Panchayats due to want of funds; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to cover all Blocks and by when they are likely to be covered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) Organisation of training programmes for Panchayats, including selection of areas to be covered for the training, is the responsibility of the State Governments, Panchayats being a State subject. The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment provides limited financial assistance to the States for undertaking training programmes etc. A sum of Rs. one crore was realeased by this Ministry to Government of Karnataka during 1994-95 for this purpose.

SC/ST Engineers in Building/Housing Section of D.D.A.

3895. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of engineers working in Building/Housing Sections of DDA;

(b) whether any SC/ST engineers are there;

(c) if so, since when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) DDA has reported that 11 Assistance Engineers and 31 Junior Engineers are working in the Building Section and 2 Assistant Engineers and 15 Junior Engineers are working in the Housing Branch of DDA.

(b) to (d) One Assistant Engineer and one Junior Engineer belonging to SC category are working in the Building Section of DDA since June 1996 and January 1994, respectively.

Basic Minimum Services Announced by the Prime Minister

3896. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Basic Minimum Services announced by the Prime Minister on the occasion of Independence Day address to the Nation;